



CCFAC NEWS

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A Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee publication prepared periodically to inform the public of the programs and activities of Fairfax County's *Consolidated Plan* which includes the Consolidated Community Funding Pool process.

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Consolidated



Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) Newsletter! The CCFAC is a citizen advisory group charged with overseeing the preparation of the County's *Consolidated Plan* and the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP). Through

this periodic newsletter, the CCFAC plans to keep readers up to date on actions and issues relating to the CCFP and *Consolidated Plan* process.

The CCFP was created when the funding from the County's previously established Community Funding Pool (CFP), which includes local General Funds and federal/State Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds was combined with Targeted Public Services and Affordable Housing Funds established under CDBG. The *Consolidated Plan* is a broad document encompassing four federal programs—the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) programs—and other County, State and federal resources to address community needs. It also includes a description of the Continuum of Care for homeless persons.

The CCFAC looks forward to continuing to work with the various communities and organizations in helping address human service needs in Fairfax County.

Survey Results Support Two-Year Funding Awards

Since the inception of the CFP in 1996, there has been interest in awarding grants to eligible nonprofit organizations for multiple years, as

opposed to the practice used to date of single-year grant awards. With the consolidation of the CFP and the CDBG processes in 1998-99, the interest has continued. In September 1998, the CCFAC advised the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors that it would study the issue of multiple-year awards and report back to the Board with a recommendation during 1999. In November 1998, the CCFAC created an Ad Hoc Committee on Multi-Year Funding to study the issue of multi-year awards. The Committee studied both current and past contract award practices in the County and elsewhere, considered the strengths and shortcomings of various approaches, and developed a preliminary recommendation for a two-year award cycle. In order to get feedback from nonprofit organizations about the recommendation, a survey was mailed to all of the organizations on the CCFAC vendor list. Fifty-one responses were returned, with 43 in support of the two-year funding cycle. On April 13, the CCFAC will consider final recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the multi-year funding issue.

CCFAC Begins Work on New Consolidated Plan/Strategies

Fiscal Year 2000 is the last year of the County's first *Five-Year Consolidated Plan*. During the next few months the CCFAC will be developing a new *Five-Year Consolidated Plan* for FY 2001-2005 in accordance with federal regulations. The new *Consolidated Plan* will contain a Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan to describe needs and priorities for housing, community development, supportive services, and priorities for serving the homeless and persons with special needs. An analysis of the institutional structure and coordination process is also required, as well as a description of fair housing initiatives. A One-Year Action Plan will contain the funding priorities for FY 2001.

CCFACT: Fiscal Year 2000 is the first year of combining the CDBG and CFP funding processes into the CCFP process. For Fiscal Year 2000, the County received 132 applications totaling \$13,784,706. In the FY 2000 Advertised Budget Plan, the County Executive increased the projected \$6.7 million to be available to fund proposals by \$300,041, raising the funding total to \$7,051,504. On April 19, 1999, the Board of Supervisors will make the final decisions on project funding awards.

Upcoming Focus Groups/Forums

The CCFAC will undertake an extensive effort to obtain public input and updated information on needs and priorities to develop funding priorities for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) for FY 2001 and for the new **Consolidated Plan**. The Community Action Advisory Board has planned a series of focus groups which began in March and continue through April 1999, to gather the perspectives of low-income residents, including persons who were recipients of services. As was done last year, the CCFAC will send a survey in April to boards, authorities, and commissions associated with housing and human services to obtain their ideas on needs and priorities. Again this year, public forums will be held, one in each of the five human services regions in the County, to obtain input from citizens on human services needs and desired outcomes. The schedule of forums is as follows:



- **May 5, 1999** - Region 3 at Herndon Fortnightly Library from 7- 8:30 pm
- **May 18, 1999** - Region 5 at West Springfield Government Center from 7- 8:30 pm
- **May 20, 1999** - Region 2 at Woodrow Wilson Library from 7- 8:30 pm
- **May 22, 1999** - Region 4 at the County Government Center from 10:30 am- 12 pm
- **May 25, 1999** - Region 4 at the County Government Center from 7-8:30 pm
- **June 3, 1999** - Region 1 at Sherwood Regional Library from 7- 8:30 pm

The CCFAC looks forward to working with interested citizens and community organizations as it begins work on the Fiscal Year 2001 funding cycle and the new **Consolidated Plan**.

Community Development Week

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the CDBG Program, whose legislation was enacted in 1974. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a proclamation on March 22, 1999, designating **March 29 through April 4, 1999**, as Community Development Week in Fairfax

County. Community Development Week is a nationwide observance by localities to reaffirm their commitment to address pressing neighborhood, affordable housing, and human service needs and to recognize CDBG as a vital resource in meeting those needs. Since 1975, more than \$115 million in CDBG funds have been used in Fairfax County toward the provision of decent affordable housing, neighborhood improvements, community facilities and critical services to benefit thousands of low and moderate income residents, the elderly and disabled. Community Development Week kicked-off a year-long observance celebrating accomplishments utilizing CDBG in Fairfax County and nationwide.

HOME RFP Released Soon

Federal HOME funds in the amount of \$478,295 will be made available to eligible community housing development organizations (CHDOs) through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to be initiated toward the end of April. Eligible HOME-funded activities include acquisition, new construction, and moderate or substantial rehabilitation of all housing types.



Next CCFAC Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 1999 • 7:30 p.m.
Conference Room 9/10, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

The CCFAC is supported by an interagency team from the Department of Administration for Human Services, Department of Family Services, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Systems Management for Human Services.

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